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FORM B1 United States Bankruptcy Court District of New Jersey		Voluntary Petition																
Name of Debtor (if individual, enter Last, First, Middle): GEO Specialty Chemicals, Inc.		Name of Joint Debtor (Spouse) (Last, First, Middle):																
All Other Names used by the Debtor in the last 6 years (include married, maiden, and trade names):		All Other Names used by the Joint Debtor in the last 6 years (include married, maiden, and trade names):																
Last four digits of Soc. Sec. No./Complete EIN or other Tax I.D. No. (if more than one, state all): 34-1708689		Last four digits of Soc. Sec. No./Complete EIN or other Tax I.D. No. (if more than one, state all):																
Street Address of Debtor (No. & Street, City, State & Zip Code): First & Essex Streets Harrison, NJ 07029		Street Address of Joint Debtor (No. & Street, City, State & Zip Code):																
County of Residence or of the Principal Place of Business: Hudson		County of Residence or of the Principal Place of Business:																
Mailing Address of Debtor (if different from street address): 401 Southearl Avenue, Suit 3A Lafayette, IN 47904		Mailing Address of Joint Debtor (if different from street address):																
Location of Principal Assets of Business Debtor Various Locations (if different from street address above):																		
Information Regarding the Debtor (Check the Applicable Boxes)																		
Venue (Check any applicable box) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Debtor has been domiciled or has had a residence, principal place of business, or principal assets in this District for 180 days immediately preceding the date of this petition or for a longer part of such 180 days than in any other District. <input type="checkbox"/> There is a bankruptcy case concerning debtor's affiliate, general partner, or partnership pending in this District.																		
Type of Debtor (Check all boxes that apply) <input type="checkbox"/> Individual(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Railroad <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Stockbroker <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> Commodity Broker <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Clearing Bank		Chapter or Section of Bankruptcy Code Under Which the Petition is Filed (Check one box) <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 7 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chapter 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 13 <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 9 <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Sec 304 - Case ancillary to foreign proceeding																
Nature of Debts (Check one box) <input type="checkbox"/> Consumer/Non-Business <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Business		Filing Fee (Check one box) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Full Filing Fee attached <input type="checkbox"/> Filing Fee to be paid in installments (applicable to individuals only) Must attach signed application for the court's consideration certifying that the debtor is unable to pay fee except in installments. Rule 1006(b) See Official Form No. 3.																
Chapter 11 Small Business (Check all boxes that apply) <input type="checkbox"/> Debtor is a small business as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101 <input type="checkbox"/> Debtor is and elects to be considered a small business under 11 U.S.C. § 1121(e) (Optional)																		
Statistical/Administrative Information (Estimates only) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Debtor estimates that funds will be available for distribution to unsecured creditors <input type="checkbox"/> Debtor estimates that, after any exempt property is excluded and administrative expenses paid, there will be no funds available for distribution to unsecured creditors.		THIS SPACE IS FOR COURT USE ONLY																
Estimated Number of Creditors 1-15 16-49 50-99 100-199 200-999 1000-over <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>																		
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Voluntary Petition <i>(This page must be completed and filed in every case)</i>		Name of Debtor(s): GEO Specialty Chemicals, Inc.	
Prior Bankruptcy Case Filed Within Last 6 Years (If more than one, attach additional sheet)			
Location Where Filed: None		Case Number:	Date Filed:
Pending Bankruptcy Case Filed by any Spouse, Partner or Affiliate of this Debtor (If more than one, attach additional sheet)			
Name of Debtor: None		Case Number:	Date Filed:
District:		Relationship:	Judge:
Signatures			
Signature(s) of Debtor(s) (Individual/Joint) I declare under penalty of perjury that the information provided in this petition is true and correct. [If petitioner is an individual whose debts are primarily consumer debts and has chosen to file under Chapter 7] I am aware that I may proceed under chapter 7, 11, 12 or 13 of title 11, United States Code, understand the relief available under each such chapter, and choose to proceed under chapter 7 I request relief in accordance with the chapter of title 11, United States Code, specified in this petition. X _____ Signature of Debtor X _____ Signature of Joint Debtor _____ Telephone Number (If not represented by attorney) _____ Date		Exhibit A (To be completed if debtor is required to file periodic reports (e.g., forms 10K and 10Q) with the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and is requesting relief under chapter 11) <input type="checkbox"/> Exhibit A is attached and made a part of this petition	
Signature of Attorney X <u>/s/ Howard S. Greenberg</u> Signature of Attorney for Debtor(s) Howard S. Greenberg HG8559 Printed Name of Attorney for Debtor(s) Ravin Greenberg PC Firm Name 101 Eisenhower Parkway Address Roseland, NJ 07068 (973) 226-1500 Telephone Number March 18, 2004 Date		Exhibit B (To be completed if debtor is an individual whose debts are primarily consumer debts) I, the attorney for the petitioner named in the foregoing petition, declare that I have informed the petitioner that [he or she] may proceed under chapter 7, 11, 12, or 13 of title 11, United States Code, and have explained the relief available under each such chapter X _____ Signature of Attorney for Debtor(s) Date	
Signature of Debtor (Corporation/Partnership) I declare under penalty of perjury that the information provided in this petition is true and correct, and that I have been authorized to file this petition on behalf of the debtor. The debtor requests relief in accordance with the chapter of title 11, United States Code, specified in this petition X <u>/s/ WILLIAM P. ECKMAN</u> Signature of Authorized Individual WILLIAM P. ECKMAN Printed Name of Authorized Individual Exec. V.P., Chief Financial Officer Title of Authorized Individual March 18, 2004 Date		Exhibit C Does the debtor own or have possession of any property that poses or is alleged to pose a threat of imminent and identifiable harm to public health or safety? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, and Exhibit C is attached and made a part of this petition. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
Signature of Non-Attorney Petition Preparer I certify that I am a bankruptcy petition preparer as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 110, that I prepared this document for compensation, and that I have provided the debtor with a copy of this document _____ Printed Name of Bankruptcy Petition Preparer _____ Social Security Number (Required by 11 U.S.C. § 110(c)) _____ Address _____ Names and Social Security numbers of all other individuals who prepared or assisted in preparing this document: If more than one person prepared this document, attach additional sheets conforming to the appropriate official form for each person. X _____ Signature of Bankruptcy Petition Preparer _____ Date		A bankruptcy petition preparer's failure to comply with the provisions of title 11 and the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure may result in fines or imprisonment or both 11 U.S.C. § 110; 18 U.S.C. § 156	